



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

called to be a community following Jesus

10am – Sunday 22 December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pre service music

“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich” (Praise God, You Christians All together) BuxWV 202

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

“Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her” (From Heaven High, I Come to Here), “In dulci Jubilo”

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

played by Peter Stockwell

Welcome

Introit *“In Dulci Jubilo”*

Old German carol, arr. R L Pearsal

Call to worship

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

We gather to rejoice because we have heard the promise that God is coming to be with us.

Rejoice with the angels in the heavens above.

Rejoice with the communion of saints before us.

Rejoice on behalf of the whole world, for Jesus Christ is coming.

Glory to God in the highest heaven

And on earth peace to humankind.

Hymn

(Veni Emmanuel) CH4 273 - John Mason Neale

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

[Refrain]

3 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

[Refrain]

4 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

[Refrain]

Prayer and assurance

(based on Psalm 80)

... Restore us, O God of angel hosts

Let your face shine, that we may be saved ...

There is nowhere in heaven, on earth, or under the earth that is outside God's love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel: we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem *"Star carol"*

words and music John Rutter (b. 1945)

Lighting of the fourth Advent candle: E te Atua, aroha mai

E te atua, aroha mai (x3)

Ake, ake, tonu e (x2)

E te atua, manaaki mai...

E te atua, awhina mai...

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church **Thanks be to God**

Gospel reading: Matthew 1:18-25

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ **Praise to Christ the Word**

'Emmanuel God-with-us'

Hymn

(O Waly Waly) CH4 631 - William Robertson

1 A little child the Saviour came,
the mighty God was still his name,
and angels worshipped as he lay
the seeming infant of a day.

2 He who, a little child, began
to show the world God's loving plan,
proclaims from heaven the message free,
'Let little children come to me.'

3 We bring them, Lord, and with the sign
of sprinkled water name them thine:
their souls with saving grace endow;
baptize them with thy Spirit now.

4 O give thine angels charge, good Lord,
them safely in thy way to guard;
thy blessing on their lives command,
and write their names upon thy hand.

5 O thou, who by an infant's tongue
dost hear thy perfect glory sung,
may these, with all the heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Sacrament of baptism - Katie Ann Hoffman is baptised

Katie Ann Hoffman (b. 8 June 2015), the daughter of Bernice and Paul Hoffman is baptised.
We welcome family and friends present for the baptism.

Commitment of Congregation

You who are gathered here represent the whole Church, the Church catholic, including Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church. Word and Sacrament bring you the joy of Christ's presence in your midst. They also bring you responsibilities as Christ's people in this place. Do you welcome Katie; and do you renew your commitment, with God's help, to live before all God's children in a kindly and Christian way, and to share with them the knowledge and love of Christ?

We do. We will nurture one another in faith, uphold one another in prayer, encourage one another in service.

The baptism service continues...

We share news and offer ourselves to God

"Zither carol"

Czech folk tune, arr. Malcolm Sargent

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table,
and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church's account.*

We pray for others

Anglican prayer book

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria, Āke āke āke. Āmine.

Hymn

(Mendelssohn) CH4 301 - Charles Wesley

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful all you nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem':
*Hark! the herald angels sing
'Glory to the new-born King'.*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
hail, the incarnate Deity!
pleased as us with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
[Refrain]

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness;
light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings:
mild, he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die;
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
[Refrain]

Benediction and threefold amen

Postlude *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her (From Heaven High, I Come to Here: Fugue) BWV 700*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).
played by Peter Stockwell